

Remarks

The specification is amended to render the Summary of the Invention consistent with the allowable claims. Claims 1-12 were in the application as last examined. Claims 1 and 9 are canceled without prejudice. Claims 2 and 12 are amended to incorporate the limitations of claims 1 and 9, respectively. Claims 10 and 11 are amended to change their dependency. Applicants respectfully request further examination and consideration in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 1 and 9-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,215,446 to Sullivan et al. The rejections are traversed.

Claims 1 and 9 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby rendering the rejections moot. Claims 10 and 11 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 12.

Conclusion

The Examiner has indicated the allowability of claims 2-8 and 12. Claims 2 and 12 have been rewritten into independent form. All of the remaining claims depend directly or indirectly from claims 2 and 12. Consequently, all remaining claims are allowable and a notice of allowability is respectfully requested. Any questions about the foregoing can be directed to the undersigned and the Examiner is invited to resolve any remaining issues by telephone or by email.

Respectfully submitted,

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